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Holmesview Center



operated by the
South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department
and serving the
alcohol rehabilitation needs of South Carolinians

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The facility

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates a 36 bed residential alcohol treatment facility for men in Greenville, South Carolina called Holmesview Center.

The center combines group activities and therapies to treat chronic alcoholism in a modern setting. This group interaction encourages the residents to look closely at themselves, to give and receive feedback, to accept responsibility, and to cooperate with others.

All phases of the treatment program emphasize the positive behaviors necessary to maintain a healthy work and life style. The center prepares its residents for employment without alcohol dependency.

The program

The center uses group interaction and therapy in the place of mood-altering medication and individual therapy.

Residents receive only medication they need for other physical conditions.

And, they participate in Alcoholics Anonymous as well as in a carefully planned mix of community meetings, crafts, group therapy, instructional movies, medical awareness lectures, religious activities, self-awareness groups, social and recreational events, and vocational evaluation and counseling sessions.

The staff

Trained in the treatment of alcohol dependency, the staff includes an activity therapist, adjustment specialist, a chaplain, group therapists, a medical director, nurses, a recreation therapist, a vocational evaluator, and a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Admissions

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's local offices, located throughout the state, coordinate admissions to the center.

All admissions are voluntary. However, applicants must admit themselves for a minimum of 28 days and a maximum of 56 days. Applicants cannot consume alcohol or mood-altering drugs for at least 72 hours prior to admission.

The vocational rehabilitation counselor determines the cost of treatment, based on economic need, prior to the individual's admission to the center. Most insurance policies cover the costs.

What happens?

Residents may bring stationery, a radio and a small amount of money for cigarettes, soft drinks, etc. They



may not, however, have television sets in their rooms as televisions are provided in the common areas.

Residents remain on the grounds of the center. However, they may leave for short periods after they complete their third week of treatment.

Residents may not have automobiles on the premises.

Residents may use available telephones. They may accept incoming calls on weekends, in emergencies and during the day when they are not involved in an activity.

Visiting hours begin at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Special hours exist for major holidays.

During their stay at Holmesview, residents dress casually. They should bring their own personal toilet items and take pride in their personal grooming.

Residents may use the center's laundry facilities to wash their clothes.

Recreation

Residents participate in all scheduled activities.

In their leisure time, they develop new interests and outlets through a variety of recreation activities and tournaments. Winners of these tournaments receive awards and recognition.

Alcoholics Anonymous

A vital part of the residents' treatment involves Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. AA holds two open meetings per week on the premises.

The center encourages the residents' family members to participate in these meetings.

Families' services

The center believes that successful treatment includes the participation of those most important to the resident, his family and close friends. Family and friends are encouraged to attend weekly group sessions to explore their role in the treatment.

A staff specialist leads each evening group.

Follow-up services

Before they leave the center, the residents receive help finding and making use of the community services available to them, services which support a vocational and social life without alcohol.

In fact, a vocational rehabilitation counselor continues to work with each resident, after treatment, to coordinate these services as well as to provide on-going therapy.

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